



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017
TURNBULL CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM 208
3:35 P.M.

I. Regular Session

The regular session of the 2017-18 Faculty Senate was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Faculty Senate President Todd Adams presided.

The following members attended the Senate meeting:

T. Adams, S. Aggarwal, P. Andrei, J. Ang, A. Askew, C. Baade, A. Barrett, H. Bass, B. Birmingham, D. Bookwalter, M. Buchler, K. Buhrman, E. Chicken, J. Clark, R. Coleman, P. Conway, J. Fiorito, S. Fiorito, J. Garibaldi, M. Gawlik, J. Grzywacz, K. Harper, C. Hofacker, K. Jones, A. Kim, E. Kim, B. Landing, S. Lewis, S. Losh, C. Madsen, P. Marty, C. Marzen, R. Miles, C. Moore, D. Moore, J. Ohlin, E. Peters, A. Rhine, N. Rogers, G. Rust, E. Ryan, L. Schelbe, C. Schmertmann, T. Siegrist, N. Stein, G. Tenenbaum, G. Tyson, C. Upchurch, A. Vanli

The following members were absent. Alternates are listed in parenthesis:

T. Albrecht-Smitt, B. Arjmandi, A. Barbu, L. Beitsch, M. Burr, A. Clarke, E. Coleman, J. Delp, J. Drake, M. Gertz, J. Gomariz, T. Graban, E. Hilinski, L. Hinnant, B. Horack, T. Houpt, K. Huffenberger (**Jeremiah Murphy**), E. Hull, R. Jackson, E. Jakubowski, I. Junglas, D. Kaplan, T. Keller, A. Kercheval, W. Li, J. Linford, J. Lo, T. Mariano, P. Mason, V. Mesev, M. Messersmith, U. Meyer-Baese, R. Morris, Z. Musslimani, I. Padavic, D. Poey, J. Rayburn, V. Richard Auzenne, V. Salters, P. Sharpe, S. Shelton, D. Slice, L. Spainhour, J. Standley, O. Steinbock, L. Stepina, U. Sypher, O. Vafek, Col. M. Van Wert (**Scott Powler**), D. Von Glahn, Y. Wang, T. Zhao

II. Approval of the Minutes, November 15, 2017 meeting

There was a call to question if the minutes included the updated Faculty Senate statement in support of President Thrasher's Greek-life/alcohol ban. After review, it was found that the updated statement was included. The minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

III. Approval of the agenda, December 6, 2017 meeting

The agenda was approved as distributed.

IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Dr. Kristine Harper

The Faculty Senate Steering Committee has met three times since the last Faculty Senate Meeting, including our meeting with President Thrasher, Provost McRorie, and VP for Faculty Development and Advancement Kistner on November 28th wherein we discussed recent visits

by FSU leaders to Washington, DC., continuing efforts to address alcohol/drug abuse and sexual violence, and new hires for the 2018-2019 academic year.

- We were also joined by FSU's Chief Information Officer Michael Barrett to discuss the university's draft e-mail policy, which continues under development and will be discussed by the Technology Committee members at their January meeting.
- Yesterday we were joined by Dr. Mark Kearley, Honors Program Director, and Dr. Douglass Seaton, Chair of the Honors Program Policy Committee, to discuss upcoming plans for the Honors Program. We also received updates from Dr. Gary Tyson, chair of the Constitution Review Committee.
- As a reminder: the annual holiday reception for Faculty Senators and Retired Faculty will be Monday, 11 December, at the President's House. For those of you who are new senators, this is a lovely way to end the semester and reconnect with colleagues.

V. Report of the Standing Committee

There were no reports made by standing committees.

VI. Old Business

a. Constitution Revision Committee

Dr. Gary Tyson briefly stated that there will be a vote at the next Faculty Senate meeting in January on the changes to the constitution that were previously presented at the last meeting. He also stated that there will be an amendment process and for the Senate to begin thinking about possible amendments now.

VII. New Business

a. Peter Singhal, Student Senate

Peter Singhal briefly thanked the Faculty Senate for allowing him to speak. He stated that as the new President of the Student Senate, one of his primary goals is to establish a more clear and consistent dialogue between the faculty and the students on campus. Singhal also mentioned that he will be appointing a Student Senate Liaison who will be taking a more active role by attending monthly Faculty Senate meetings and updating the faculty on what students are working on and what student goals are most feasible.

- b. There was a question from Erin Ryan, College of Law, regarding the issue with lining up FSU's Spring Break with Leon County Schools' Spring Break. Todd Adams answered by stating the difficulty of having the same Spring Break as Leon County schools is because FSU is required to submit their calendar before Leon County Schools, therefore FSU is unable to wait for their dates in order to properly align the breaks.

VIII. University Welfare

- a. Matthew Lata from the United Faculty of Florida stated that there will be a consultation with President Thrasher and administration where they will be discussing items of mutual concern, ranging from contract enforcement to parking, in the hopes of coming to agreements in advance. Matthew Lata continued by stating that there will be a production at Goodwood Plantation in which there will be an

exhibit displaying black urban artists. Lata also mentioned that he will be hosting WFSU on Friday morning with a colleague representing the College of Music while he represents the College of Music, the Union, and Florida State University.

- b. Todd Adams briefly mentioned that the list of 2018 Road Scholars Speakers were out and will be further discussed next year as they approach sooner.

IX. Announcements by Deans and other Administrative Officers

There were no reports made by Deans and other Administrative Officers.

X. Announcements Provost McRorie

Provost McRorie joined President Thrasher in thanking the faculty for everything they have done in making this past year a great one. She also mentions that they will be on the quest to hire 125+ new colleagues so that we can keep getting bigger and better in faculty numbers. She also wishes everyone a wonderful holiday break and good luck with preparing for the spring semester.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



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